MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The number for searches conducted by the Income Tax Department in Gujarat during the financial years 1990–91 and 1991–92 (upto 29 February, 1992) were 477 and 178 respectively.

(b) to (d). Yes, Sir. In the course of searches, substantial tax evasion has been detected in the case of one Managing Director of one group of newspapers of Ahmedabad, who has surrendered additional income of Rs. 1.86 crores for the current year under section 132(4) of the Income -tax Act and paid an instalment of Rs. 53 lakhs as additional advance tax in December 1991. Further follow-up actions on the material found in the course of the search have been taken up.

Appointment of Commission Agents by Cotton Corporation of India

3876 SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of commission agents appointed by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) for purpose of cotton from framers for exports;

(b) the rate of commission provided to the commission agents by the CCI;

(c) the commission allowed from foreign countries to the agents;

(d) whether commission earned by them from foreign counrrtries is to be declared to the Government;

(e) the number of complaints received by the Government regarding commissions being deposited in foreign countries;

(f) whether any investigations has been conducted by the Government in the matter;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The Cotton Corporation of India has not appointed any Commission agents for purchase of cotton from farmers for exporters.

(b) to (h). Does not arise.

Payment of Cash Compensatory Support Claims to Exports

3877. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have stopped payment of CCS claims to the exporters for exports made before July 2, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Government Borrowings from Banks

3878. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has suggested that the Government should restrict borrowings at low interest from the banks; and